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## FINANCIAL SERVICES REPUBLICAN MORNING CLIPS 10.15.2010

Wall Street Journal: "Bernanke Makes Case for Further Fed Moves to Boost Economy ... Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke made a case for new steps by the central bank to boost economic growth, saying inflation was running below the Fed's objective of 2% and that the economy was on a course to grow too slowly to reduce unemployment."

Wall Street Journal: "Atlanta's Lockhart: Fed Should Provide 'Certainty' ... Atlanta Federal Reserve President Dennis Lockhart said Friday a high level of uncertainty among businesses was casting "a pall" over the economy as employers hold off on decisions and hiring."

Wall Street Journal: "Mozilo and SEC in Deal Discussions ... Confidential talks begun in recent weeks appear to be moving toward a settlement in the Securities and Exchange Commission's high-profile civil fraud case against former Countrywide Financial Corp. Chief Executive Angelo Mozilo and two other former executives, people familiar with the matter said."

Wall Street Journal: "Foreclosure Crisis Slams Into Banks ... The mortgage-foreclosure crisis spilled into the financial markets on Thursday, driving down bank stocks and weighing on mortgage bonds as investors took a grim view of the potential costs."

Wall Street Journal: "Big Banks Face Foreclosure Review ... The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency is examining big mortgage servicers' foreclosure practices, a move that could lead to regulatory reprimands of banks for botched foreclosure documentation."

Wall Street Journal: "SEC Vote On Rattner Settlement Postponed ... Steven Rattner's lengthy entanglement with federal authorities has gotten longer, after the Securities and Exchange Commission postponed its vote on a preliminary settlement with the former Obama administration official and Wall Street financier."

Washington Post: "Bernanke: Fed prepared to act to boost economy ... The Federal Reserve is prepared to take new action to boost the economy, its chairman, Ben S. Bernanke, said Friday morning, because inflation has been too low of late and unemployment is poised to come down too slowly."

Washington Post: "Bank of America ramps up small-business banking ... Bank of America announced Thursday that it is launching a program in the Washington area to improve lending and services for small businesses. The move comes as the White House is calling on the nation's biggest banks to help shore up Main Street."

Washington Post: "Foreclosure Error May Bring Home Break-In by Bank: Ann Woolner ... For all the scandalous news about systemically sloppy foreclosure documentation, bankers are trying to reassure the public that no undeserved evictions resulted."

Washington Post: "Bernanke Ponders 'Crapshoot' Amid Deflation Risk ... Federal Reserve Chairman Ben S. Bernanke once advocated setting an inflation target to keep prices from rising too fast. Now he may get the Fed to adopt a target to keep the inflation rate from falling."

Washington Post: "AIG's Treasury Backstop Shows Rating Firms' Influence ... American International Group Inc.'s plan to exit U.S. ownership includes a new \$2 billion backstop from the Treasury Department after credit raters said the

company may need emergency capital as it regains independence."

Washington Post: "Why now is a good time for government to borrow and invest ... Amtrak recently rolled out a \$117 billion vision of true high-speed rail in the Northeast Corridor. Travel times would fall to 38 minutes from Philadelphia to New York and to only 3 1/2 hours from Washington, D.C., to Boston."

NY Times: "Bernanke Signals Intent to Further Spur Economy ... The Federal Reserve chairman, Ben S. Bernanke, sent a clear signal on Friday that the central bank was poised to take additional steps to try to fight persistently low inflation and high unemployment."

NY Times: "Mortgage Mess May Cost Big Banks Billions ... One billion dollars? Six billion? Ten billion? More?"

NY Times: "Summers Praises Indian Approach to Economic Development ... First, there was the pro-free-market development model known as the Washington consensus. Then came the Beijing consensus, which is used to describe China's state-led, export-powered growth."

NY Times: "From a Maine House, a National Foreclosure Freeze ... The house that set off the national furor over faulty foreclosures is blue-gray and weathered. The porch is piled with furniture and knickknacks awaiting the next yard sale."

NY Times: "The Mortgage Morass ... American officials used to lecture other countries about their economic failings and tell them that they needed to emulate the U.S. model."

NY Times: "How Wall Street Hid Its Mortgage Mess ... The conventional wisdom has it that the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission - the bipartisan group of wise men and women charged with uncovering what caused our recent economic meltdown and telling us what should be done to prevent a recurrence - is woefully out-of-touch and out-of-date."

LA Times: "Bernanke: Fed wrestles with size of aid program ... The Federal Reserve is prepared to take further steps to rejuvenate the U.S. economy by buying Treasury bonds but is wrestling with how big the program should be, Chairman Ben Bernanke said Friday."

USA Today: "Opposing view on the economy: TARP made matters worse ... After the housing bubble burst and the economy slipped into a recession, Congress and the administration tried to fix the problem by throwing money at it. This strategy did not work. TARP and the stimulus have failed to rein in unemployment and provide stability for our economy."

USA Today: "Our view on the economy: Maybe you haven't heard, but the bailouts worked ... According to a recent Pew Center poll, support for the 2008 bank bailout (aka TARP) ranked No. 1 on a list of positions that would make respondents less likely to vote for a candidate."